

ORGANIC LAND CARE WORKSHOP SERIES

The Town of Mansfield is offering a series of free workshops focused on landscaping techniques that reduce storm water pressure, pesticide, herbicide and synthetic fertilizer use and support a healthy environment around our homes. To pre-register for some or all of the five workshops, call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

Edible Landscaping

Saturday, February 28, 2015, 10 am - 11 am (snow date March 7)

Town Hall Council Chamber

Pre-register by February 25, 2015. Make your home landscape multi-task by including edible, but beautiful plants. Deborah Lee, a UConn Extension Master Gardener Coordinator, will explain how to include edible trees, shrubs, perennials & annuals in your existing gardens.

Organic Lawns

Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10 am - 11:30 am (snow date March 21)

Town Hall Council Chamber

Pre-register by March 11, 2015. Learn how to create a lush, healthy yard without the use of pesticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers from accredited organic land care professional Rick Brosseau of Milrick Lawn Service.

Rain Gardens/Rain Harvesting

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 10 am - 11 am (snow date April 4)

Town Hall Council Chamber

Pre-register by March 25, 2015. Explore the water resources on your property and learn interesting ways to use them. Participants will learn about the benefits of rain barrels and how to create a landscaped rain garden from Jean Pillo, Coordinator for the Thames River Basin Partnership.

Permaculture Gardens

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 10 am - 11:30 am

Town Hall Council Chamber

Pre-register by April 8, 2015. Permaculture gardens use techniques and practices that combine the best of wildlife gardening, edible landscaping, and native-plant cultivation into one low-maintenance, self-contained and productive ecosystem. Learn how to apply permaculture techniques to your property from Will Hooper, a certified permaculture designer.

Backyard Composting

Saturday, May 2, 2015, 10 am - 11 am

Town Hall Council Chamber

Pre-register by April 29, 2015. Learn about the inner workings of a compost pile and how it is an integral part of organic land care. This workshop will help you get started or improve what you already have going. Presented by Virginia Walton, Mansfield Recycling Coordinator.